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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-42 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 43 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 November 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6/3/2002</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities.

- There is typo "ppear" in page 11, line 9.
- The symbol used for quantum efficiency shall be consistent through out the specification and claim. For example, it is expressed as "n" in page 14, line 13 and as " η " in equation 3.3 in page 14.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph within the range of 50 to 150 words. The abstract has more than 150 words.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 43 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Langan et al. (US patent application publication 2003/0031378.)

Langan teaches a method for performing an image rendering procedure, comprising the steps of:

- converting an original luminance image into original perceived contrast images; (Fig. 5; paragraphs 0049-0053, equation 14)
- performing a compression procedure upon said original perceived contrast images to produce compressed perceived contrast images; (abstract; Fig. 5; paragraphs 0049-0053, equation 14)
- converting said compressed perceived contrast images into a rendered luminance image. (Fig. 5; paragraphs 0049-00-53, equations 15-18)

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-42 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. The prior art fails to teach the systems of Claims 1 and 42, the method of Claim 21, and the medium of Claim 41, which specifically comprise the following features in combination of other recited limitations:

- dividing an original luminance image into a plurality of original subband images as recited;
- *converting said original subband images into original perceived contrast images as recited;*

-- performing a compression procedure upon said original perceived contrast images to produce compressed perceived contrast images;

-- converting said compressed perceived contrast images into compressed subband images as recited;

-- combining said compressed subband images together during a subband combination procedure to generate a rendered luminance image.

None of the prior art including those made of record in form PTO-892 teaches the above combination of features.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wenpeng Chen whose telephone number is 703 306-2796. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K Moore can be reached on 703 308-7452. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-872-9306 for After Final communications. TC 2600's customer service number is 703-306-0377.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 305-4700.

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